

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 16 June 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-9 and 11-14.
3. The drawings filed on 20 December 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed 16 June 2005 amends claims 1, 7, 13. Applicant's amendment has been fully considered and is entered.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 16 June 2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of 04 August 2020 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, filed 16 June 2005, with respect to claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11-14 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The previous claim rejections have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11-14 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose authenticating a user to a physical entity wherein a location beacon adjacent to that physical entity transmits a signal containing a web address of a web server along with a location token that expires within a predetermined time period. This location token determining what information will be displayed to the authenticated user at the transmitted web address based on the tokens' expiration status.

The newly cited prior art, mainly the references that detail HP's Cooltown service, disclose the authentication and transmission of web page information to a user located adjacent to a physical entity, but do not detail the use of location tokens that have expiration dates.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kindberg, "People, Places, Things: Web Presence for the Real World", IEEE, Feb 2000, Pages 19-28.

<http://www.cooltown.hp.com> from November 29th 1999 (archive.org).

Shankland, "HP flaunts new tech to raise lab profile", CNETNews.com, November 5th 1999, Pages 1-4.

Hamilton, "Venerable H-P Labs to Drop Its 'Aw, Shucks' Attitude", Wall Street Journal, October 21st 1999, Pages 1-2.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin E. Lanier whose telephone number is 571-272-3805. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-5:00pm, F 7:30am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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